

Statement -- Michael Sherry, Christ the King Seminary

On behalf of myself and the seminary, I unequivocally deny that I have initiated or otherwise been directed to conduct a "leak investigation," as you put it. Nor is there some kind of crack down that has or will take place. In point of fact we have from the beginning encouraged seminarians to come forward in the knowledge that their identities would be safeguarded to the best of our ability. Any conversation with a seminarian who was previously interviewed was at the request of those seminarians inquiring and expressing their great concern as to how the compiled notes came to be released to the media. Their concern represents both a confidentiality issue – which we have taken great pains to protect – and a security issue for those seminarians. A failure to maintain their confidentiality and their security would represent a dereliction of duty on our part.